

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0545**

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Dear Progressive Caucus Members,

I write to announce my candidacy for the Deputy Chair position for the Congressional Progressive Caucus in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, and I humbly request your support. I am grateful and applaud the bold, progressive leadership of our current co-chairs, Mark Pocan and Pramila Japayal, and am committed to expanding on their work if elected your Deputy Chair.

As a progressive representing a Republican district, a member of the CPC Executive Board in the 116th Congress, and tireless campaigner for both Frontliners and newly elected CPC members, I have the unique combination of commitment and experience to succeed in this new leadership role. I will work to support and sustain the critical work of the CPC as we strive to enact an agenda rooted in the needs of working Americans and our fight for equality, justice, and structural change.

I was elected to the House with the diverse class of 2018. Along with several colleagues who now serve in the CPC, we won our races and flipped the House for the first time in a decade by running campaigns rooted in progressive values. We charted a new course and proved to the establishment skeptics that a progressive agenda is not only the right policy for America but also a winning political message.

In my campaign for Congress, I championed Medicare for All, not a continuation of a private, for-profit, healthcare system, which leaves millions of Americans uninsured. I campaigned on new protections for workers and a historic increase to the minimum wage, not policies catering to corporate America.

I ran a grassroots-funded campaign and called for sweeping anti-corruption reforms, not maintaining the status quo which has empowered wealthy special interests to corrupt our politics. I committed to addressing structural racism and fighting to change the broken systems which have oppressed people of color for centuries in America. From sensible gun safety measures, to addressing the climate crisis, to fighting for a just immigration system, the class I was elected with stood firmly for our progressive values, and the American people sent us to Congress.

To enact these policy goals, it's critical we make an effective and powerful argument in support of this agenda to congressional Leadership and to President-elect Biden, and ultimately to his administration. It is equally important for the CPC to make this argument directly to the American people. We know the people are with us, but we can't take their support for granted. I am dedicated to communicating our work in a way that engages Americans in our legislative work. As Deputy Chair, I will work to build public support for progressive priorities and to expand our allies and partners.

I'll work in close collaboration with the Chair of the CPC to build unity and cohesion in the caucus around our shared progressive policy goals. I'll develop relationships with other caucuses and foster dialogue both inside and outside the CPC. As a lover of public policy, I'll work with each of our caucus' task forces to increase member participation and produce legislation that furthers the CPC's goals for the 117th Congress.

I look forward to speaking with each of you in the coming days, to expand on why I'm ready to take on this role and to learn about your priorities and how we can make the CPC a more unified, effective force for progress.

I would be honored to serve and support the Chair of the CPC, the CPC, and you in this new role and humbly ask for your vote for Deputy Chair.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Porter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katie" and last name "Porter" clearly distinguishable.

Katie Porter  
Member of Congress